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“nombre *mal-cane* el viudo, que quiere decir el untado de amarillo” (*Escolios*, p. 214).

The color white, *zak*, had, however, by far the widest metaphorical uses. As the hue of light, it was associated, with day, dawn, brightness, etc.; to dawn, *ti zaker*; the daybreak, *maha ti zaker*; a clear sky, *raa cah*; light, *zak*; clearness, translucency, *zak il*. As applied to abstract ideas its employment was very frequent as “clearly, manifestly,” *chi zakil*. In the Popol Vuh are such expressions as *zakil golem*, *zakil tzih*, literally “the whiteness life, the whiteness words,” which mean “the glory of life, the glory of speech.” The mythical mother and father of the race are called *zakil al*, *zakil qahol*, she who gives birth to whiteness, he who begets whiteness, where the whiteness is to be understood as mental clearness, knowledge, enlightenment. Varea gives *zak iricah*, to make clear, to explain, *zak*, a clearing in the woods, and other derivatives.

In closing this exegetical study, I would point out one fact developed by it, to which I attach considerable weight, and that is that the names analyzed indicate unmistakably a source immeasurably remote from Christian thought, and thus prove the aboriginal origin of this important myth. Can any one maintain that it was an echo of missionary teaching, when the names it applies to the highest god are such as “the Great Hog,” “the Fox, mighty in Magic,” “the Syphilitic One,” and the like? Such appellations, at first sight so degrading to the notion of God, can only be understood by taking into account modes of thought, and associations of ideas wholly divergent from those to which these tribes were introduced by the ministers of the Christian religion.

Stated Meeting, December 2d, 1881.

Present, 6 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters accepting membership were received from John Evans, dated Nov. 5, 1881, Nash Mills, Hamel-Hempstead; Henry H. Gorringe, Nov. 30, Portland, Oregon; William Gladstone, Prime Minister of England, Nov. 15, 10 Downing St., Whitehall (through G. L. Gower); and B. Stallo, Nov. 18, Cincinnati.

A letter of acknowledgment was received from the Royal Institution, London. (Proc. 107, 108; Trans. XV, 3.)

A letter of envoy was received from the North China

Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, dated Shanghai, Oct. 25, 1881.

A letter requesting the completion of sets of Proceedings and Transactions of this Society, was received from Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., dated Nov. 22, 1881. The matter was referred to the Secretaries, with power to act.

A circular letter was received from the Secretary of the Prince Edward Island Historical Society, dated Nov. 17, 1881, Charlottetown.

Donations for the Library were received from the Mining Bureau, Melbourne; Royal Academy, Berlin; Zoologischer Anzeiger, Leipzig; Society of Northern Antiquaries, Copenhagen; Oesterreichischer Ingenieur- und Architekten Verein, Wien; Annales des Mines, and Revue Politique, Paris; Bordeaux Society of Commercial Geography; Royal Astronomical Society, and Nature, London; Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, Boston; Essex Institute, Salem; American Journal of Sciences, New Haven; New York Historical Society; American Chemical Society, N. Y.; Academy of Natural Sciences, The American, and Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; U. S. National Museum, and the Bureau of Education, Washington; The Virginias, Staunton, Va.; and State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

A photograph and a phototype of the late member Wm. Rawle, Esq., were presented to the Society by Mr. Brooke Rawle.

A paper by Prof. J. J. Stevenson, entitled "Notes on the Laramie Group in the vicinity of Raton, New Mexico," was read by title.*

Mr. Lewis read a paper upon a new substance resembling Dopplerite found in a peat bog near Scranton.*

A communication was read from Mr. Lesley stating that he had gone away for two or three months, and enclosing a report upon the manner in which he intended to, and had already examined and partly copied the old minutes of the Society. Postponed to Dec. 16th.

* These papers will be printed in Vol. xx, No. III.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Pending nominations Nos. 935 and 946 to 950 inclusive were read.

Proceedings of the Officers and Council submitted at the last meeting, were made special order for next meeting; and to be placed on the notice cards.

On motion of Mr. Price, it was moved that \$20,000 additional insurance be placed on the Library. Carried.

And the meeting was adjourned.

Stated Meeting, December 16, 1881.

Present, 16 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the chair.

A letter accepting membership was received from Mr. A. Renard, Conservateur du Musée Royal d'Histoire Naturelle de Belgique, Bruxelles, dated Vienna, Nov. 19, 1881.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Nov. 15, 1881 (Proc. 107, 108; Trans. XV, 3); and the Society of Antiquaries, London, Dec. 1, 1881 (107, 108; XV, 3).

Letters of envoy were received from the Physical Central Observatory, St. Petersburg, Oct., 1881; Musée Guimet, Lyon, Nov. 17, 1881; Dr. G. M. Gibson, 1 Randolph Cliff, Edinburgh, Nov., 1881; Mr. Edward Coles, 205 S. 6th Street, Philadelphia, Nov. 23, 1881, and the Department of the Interior, Washington, Dec. 12, 1881.

A postal card requesting volumes of Transactions published since Volume XII, was received from the University of Toronto, dated Dec. 8, 1881. Referred to the Secretaries.

A letter from Mr. B. V. Marsh was read, dated Dec. 9, 1881, tendering his resignation as Trustee of the Building Fund. The